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## DR. WURTH'S OPINION

OF THE NEW DISCOVERY IN MEDICINE.

A Remarkably Successful Remedy for  
Dyspepsia, Indigestion and  
Stomach Troubles.

Dr. Wurth in commenting on recent  
discoveries in medicine said: There  
is none which is certain to be so valu-  
able and far reaching in benefit as  
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the new  
stomach remedy. I say far reaching,  
because people "little realize" how im-  
portant a sound stomach and vigorous  
digestion is to every man, woman and  
child.

Indigestion is the starting point of  
consumption, heart disease, Bright's  
disease, diabetes, nervous prostration,  
liver troubles; why is this? Simply  
because every nerve, muscle and tissue  
in our bodies is created and nourished  
from the food we eat. If that food is,  
by reason of a weak stomach, com-  
pelled to lie for hours, a sour, fer-  
menting mass of half digested food,  
it poisons the blood and nervous sys-  
tem, creates gas which distends the  
stomach and bowels, causing pressure  
on the heart, lungs and other organs,  
and seriously impeding their action.

He says further, the point to direct  
attention is not the nerves, nor heart,  
nor lungs, nor kidneys, but the  
stomach, the first cause of all the mis-  
chief.

The remedy to use for indigestion  
and weak stomachs is not some  
cathartic, but a remedy which will  
digest the food, increase the flow of  
gastric juice, absorb the gases, and  
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will ac-  
complish exactly this result in any  
case of stomach trouble, because these  
tablets are composed of the digestive  
acids, aseptic pepsin, Golden Seal and  
bismuth, pleasant to taste, and not bo-  
ring a patent medicine, can be used  
by anyone with perfect safety. I be-  
lieve Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will  
cure any form of indigestion and  
stomach trouble except cancer of  
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Full size packages of Stuart's Dys-  
pepsia Tablets are sold by druggists at  
50 cents or by mail from F. A. Stuart  
Co., Marshall, Mich. A book on  
stomach diseases together with thou-  
sands of testimonials will be sent by  
addressing above or call on your drug-  
gist for them.

Notice.  
There will be a regular meeting of  
Dunham Relief Corps for the election  
of officer for the ensuing year. A  
good attendance is desired. Luthers  
J. Douglas, President; Chloe A. Mar-  
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## CONGRESS.

### Introduction of Joint Resolution as to the Power of the U. S. to Acquire Territory.

#### Routine Matters in the Senate--Brief Session of the House--Nominations Presented by the President to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The ses-  
sion of the Senate today was devoted  
mainly to routine matters, the intro-  
duction of bills and presentation of  
reports.  
Senator Morrill presented a petition  
from the legislature of Vermont ask-  
ing for a revival of the grade of ad-  
miral and the recognition of Devoy.  
Senator Hale presented a bill to re-  
vise the grade of admiral and vice  
admiral.  
Senator Vest of Missouri introduced  
a joint resolution declaring that under  
the constitution the United States has  
the power to acquire territory to be  
held and governed as colonies.

**House.**  
The House held a brief session and  
adjourned out of respect to the  
memories of Northway of Ohio and  
Love of Mississippi.

**Nominations.**  
The president sent to congress the  
nomination of Powell Clayton of Ar-  
kansas to be ambassador to Mexico.  
The president also sent in a number of  
appointments made during the recess,  
including those of Secretary Hay, As-  
sistant Secretary Hill, the Hawaiian  
commission and the Paris commission.

**The Indians.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Secretary  
Bliss has received official advice from  
the Indian Territory indicating a  
change of sentiment by some Indian  
tribes with whom the Dawes commis-  
sion negotiated treaties. The dispatch  
says the Cherokee council is about to  
come to frame a treaty and is said  
to be preparing to negotiate another  
treaty.

**Hawaii.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The presi-  
dent transmitted to congress the re-  
port of the Hawaiian commission,  
with the text of bills drawn by the  
commission for the government of the  
islands as a portion of the United  
States. Three bills were presented for  
the consideration of congress. One  
gives the principal outline and general  
plan of government, the others deal  
with subordinate questions. The main  
bill provides for the conversion of the  
islands into a territory of the United  
States. It provides for the executive,  
legislative, judicial officers, a gover-  
nor, a territorial secretary, United  
States district judge, United States  
attorney and United States marshal,  
to be appointed by the presi-  
dent. Internal revenue and customs  
districts are created. The territorial  
officers, aside from those appointed by  
the president as above stated, are to  
be named by the governor and will  
be subject to an attorney general, trans-  
port superintendent of public works,  
superintendent of public instruction,  
auditor, deputy auditor, surveyor and  
chief sheriff.

Section 1 reads: "All white per-  
sons including the Portuguese and  
persons of African descent, and all  
persons descending from Hawaiian  
ancestry on either the paternal or maternal  
side who were citizens of the re-  
public of Hawaii immediately prior to  
the transfer of the sovereignty thereof  
to the United States are hereby de-  
clared to be citizens of the United  
States."

Provision is made for the legislature  
to consist of two houses. Senate 15  
members, house of representatives, 30  
members, to be elected on the first  
Tuesday after the first Monday in No-  
vember, 1899, and biennially there-  
after. The supreme court is made  
sole judge of the legality of election  
in case of contest.

A senator must be a male citizen 30  
years old, having lived three years in  
the territory, the owner of \$5000 worth

of property or having an income of  
\$1000 a year. Representatives must  
be 25 years old, own property or have  
an income of \$250 a year.

The voter for representatives must  
be a male citizen 21 years old, one  
year in the territory, to have been  
registered and paid all taxes, and be  
able to understandingly speak, read  
and write the English or Hawaiian  
language. The qualification for voters  
for senator includes all of the above  
and must own \$1000 worth of real  
estate or have an income of \$500.

Provision is also made for the election  
of a delegate to the house of represen-  
tatives in the congress of the United  
States, who is given the same powers  
as delegates from other territories.  
The governor is to appoint the chief  
justice, two associate justices of the  
supreme court, judges of the circuit  
court, members of the board of health,  
commissioners of public instruction,  
prison inspectors, board of registra-  
tion, inspectors of elections and other  
public boards. He is to possess the veto  
power, which may be overruled by a  
vote of two-thirds of the legislature.

Foreign goods imported into the  
islands after July 7, 1898, afterwards  
brought to the United States, must  
pay the same duties as if imported  
direct. The existing laws of Hawaii,  
not inconsistent with those of the  
United States, to continue in force,  
the laws of the United States, locally  
applicable, to have the same force as  
in the United States.

**\$10,000,000  
TO FRANK GOULD**

All of the Railroad Millionaire's  
Children Are Now of Legal Age.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—All of Jay  
Gould's children have reached their  
majority, as Frank J. Gould, the  
youngest of the six Gould children,  
attained his 21st year Monday and the  
absolute control and possession of \$10,-  
000,000. Up to December 5 Frank  
Gould simply received the income of  
his \$10,000,000 without touching the  
principal.

Frank is in the employ of the Mis-  
souri Pacific system and works there  
daily from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. It is  
not certain whether he will throw up  
his job or not, but the chances are  
that he will stick to it. Frank has no  
vices, and the chief passion of his life  
seems to be the intense admiration  
that he entertains for his sister Helen.  
Canines seem to be about the only  
things that thoroughly interest him.  
He has bred some remarkably fine St.  
Bernard dogs, and is a member of the  
St. Bernard club of America. He is  
also fond of bicycle riding and is  
credited with having recently made  
the trip between Philadelphia and  
New York in 10 hours.

**TO SAVE THE MERCEDES.**

NOFOLK, VA., Dec. 6.—The  
Merritt Wrecking company in a few  
days will send to Santiago, Cuba, an  
expedition to raise the sunken Span-  
ish cruiser Reina Mercedes, which was  
sunk across the entrance of the harbor  
by Admiral Cervera to prevent the  
American fleet from entering. Cap-  
tain Seymour, local manager of the  
Merritt company, says the work will  
be begun as soon as men and pontoons  
can be made ready. The expedition  
will probably sail from New York.

**THE WEATHER.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Illinois: Fair  
tonight and Wednesday; much colder  
tonight; brisk northwest winds.

## INTEREST RATE CUT IN NEW YORK

Savings Bank Has Too Much Money  
and No Takers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The trust-  
tees of the Bowery Savings bank, the  
biggest savings institution in this  
city, on Monday next will reduce the  
rate of interest allowed by the bank to  
depositors from 4 to 3 1/4 per cent.  
The reduction has already been in-  
formally decided upon by the trustees,  
and it only needs their formal action  
at the meeting. It is likely that other  
big savings banks in this city will fol-  
low suit in reducing their rate of in-  
terest from 4 to 3 1/4 per cent. All the  
banks are so loaded up with cash that  
they are finding difficulty in investing  
in gilt-edged securities that will yield  
returns warranting them to continue  
the 4 per cent rate. The situation is  
simply an outcome of the plethora of  
money everywhere that has reduced  
the rate of interest yielded by safe  
investments of all kinds.

**MORTUARY.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Former  
Congressman William R. Robertson  
died last night at Katonah, N. Y.  
He was suffering with paralysis of the  
brain.

Robertson's appointment as collector  
of the port of New York by President  
Garfield with consulting the Senators  
Roscoe Conklin and T. O. Platt, led  
to a split in the Republican party of  
New York and the resignation of the  
senators.

STUTTGART, Dec. 6.—Princess  
Frederick of Wurtemberg, mother of  
William II., king of Wurtemberg, is  
dead.

## INQUEST HELD

Over the Remains of the  
Late H. A. White.

**RELATIVES IN THE CITY**

In Response to Telegrams Sent by  
the Coroner--The Remains Will  
be Taken to Farmer City  
for Burial.

Several of the relatives and friends  
of H. A. White, who committed suicide  
at the Angle hotel on Sunday  
night, were in the city today. This  
forenoon at their office in the court  
house Coroner Bendure and his deputy  
held an inquest over the remains.

The first witness was W. S. Allison,  
proprietor of the hotel. He testified  
that White came to the hotel on  
Sunday forenoon and asked for rates,  
stating that he probably would re-  
main in the city for several weeks.  
He said he thought he might receive  
a letter Monday morning which would  
call him to Belmont. He said he would  
not be present at dinner time while  
he was in the city as he would drive  
out in the country. The proprietor  
asked what his business was and White  
said that he was a horse buyer. He  
gave a return trip ticket to the night  
clerk and asked him to sell it and he  
would give him half the money. White  
had his shoes blacked and went to  
his room before noon and stayed there  
the rest of the day. At about 8  
o'clock Monday morning the chamber  
maid discovered that gas was escap-  
ing and reported the matter to the prop-  
rietor.

George A. Naylor, one of the day  
clerks at the hotel, testified that he  
discovered escaping gas and smelled  
the gas at the key hole of room 22,  
which was occupied by White. He  
looked in the transom and saw the  
man in bed and then got a step ladder  
and climbed through the transom and  
unlocked the door, after having had  
the matter reported to the proprietor.

Oscar N. Bedford, the night clerk,  
testified. He said he was on duty  
Sunday morning and told about hav-  
ing been given the ticket to Jackson-  
ville. He was upstairs several times  
during the night and when on the  
third floor at 6:30 o'clock he did not  
smell any escaping gas. He was sure  
that he opened the transom when he  
showed White to the room on Sunday.

**THE VERDICT.**

The jury returned a verdict that  
White had come to his death by  
asphyxiation with suicidal intent at  
room 22 in the Angle hotel in Decatur.  
The jury was composed of the follow-  
ing: Dr. J. H. Eddy foreman, J. C.  
Gates, Linn Radloff, S. M. Holmes,  
F. M. Shuck and B. Braden.

**RELATIVES HERE.**

C. F. White of Farmer City, who  
is a brother of the dead man, arrived  
in the city today, accompanied by E.  
H. Wilson. Mr. White in speaking of  
the death of his brother said that he  
did not know what the cause of the  
suicide was and that he had not heard  
anything from his brother for past two  
years excepting the fact learned in-  
directly that he was at Jacksonville  
about three weeks ago. White for-  
merly lived at Farmer City, but left  
there about 20 years ago. He was 45  
years old and had been married but  
was divorced from his wife some  
time ago. His parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
James White, live at Farmer City,  
besides two brothers residing at the  
same place, one brother in California  
and another at Clinton.

Miss Johnson of Havana to whom  
White had been showing attention  
lately, arrived in the city last night  
accompanied by J. W. Earley. The  
latter says that White had been travel-  
ing for Henry Freen, a furniture and  
picture frame dealer, at 552 Fulton  
street, Chicago. Miss Johnson was  
greatly shocked when she heard that  
White had committed suicide.

The coroner succeeded in finding all  
the relatives of the dead man by tele-  
graphing to the different places where  
White's letters showed he had been.  
J. M. Hutchinson of Waverly, Ill.,  
who was formerly White's father-in-  
law, telegraphed that he would be un-  
able to come to Decatur and gave  
what information he could in regard  
to the relatives.

The remains will be taken by the  
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## NEW SHERIFF IS AFTER KENT

Effort Being Made to Capture the  
Man Who Killed His Brother.

CARLINVILLE, ILL., Dec. 6.—It  
is fully believed that Will Kent, who  
killed his brother, Noble Kent, on the  
train at Girard Saturday night, is at  
his home on a farm near Virden. He  
is known to have been there Sunday.  
The place is well stocked with provi-  
sions, and as Kent is probably well  
armed, it is expected he will forcibly  
resist arrest.

Sheriff Davenport's term of office  
having expired, the job of capturing  
the desperate man falls upon his suc-  
cessor. The new sheriff has started  
for the Kent homestead and a battle is  
confidently expected.

It is said by many who know him  
that Kent is insane. He was always  
eccentric, and the wound he received  
last summer, it is thought, further  
affected his mind. He had recently  
mortgaged his farm, worth \$12,000,  
and is known to have nearly \$1500 on  
his person at the time of the tragedy.

## STORM AT CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 6.—A  
storm which has raged throughout  
this section for nearly 40 hours has  
subsided. The weather today is clear  
and cold. There has not been such a  
general prostration of telegraph and  
telephone wires in years as during the  
past two days.

## MEETINGS AT SPRINGFIELD.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 6.—The  
state board of mine examiners' meet-  
ing began today preparatory to ex-  
amination tomorrow of candidates for  
mine managers, fire bosses and hoist-  
ing engineers.

The December term of the supreme  
court began this afternoon.

## VISIBLE SUPPLY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The visible  
supply of grain is as follows: Wheat  
24,115,000, corn 20,362,000, oats 5,554,-  
000, barley 3,840,000, rye 1,034,000.

## POSTOFFICE ROBBERY.

MOWEAQUA, ILL., Dec. 6.—The  
postoffice at Findlay, in Shelby county  
was burglarized last night. All the  
money and stamps were taken.

**Married.**  
On December 5 at the parsonage of  
the First Baptist church by Rev. S.  
H. Bowyer, Thaddeus H. Nicholson of  
Decatur and Miss Ida M. Turner of  
Rose Hill, Ill.

Be honest if you can--otherwise  
your patrons will purchase their  
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According to Crookford's clerical  
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## THE NEWS.

It is stated that about the first legislation by Congress will be  
the abolition of the war tax applying to stamps for bank checks and  
telegrams. No repeal as to tax on beer, tea and proprietary medi-  
cines, at present.

Spain has more trouble in sight. A telegram says: Important  
events are coming in Spain. It is asserted emphatically that Don  
Carlos is busy preparing a financial basis for the insurrection.

The Joint Peace commission had a four hours' sitting Monday  
at Paris, when the first eight articles of the treaty were discussed  
and finally adopted. These deal with amity, commerce, and naviga-  
tion, but the arguments were mostly on the Philippines. Montero  
Rios, to the surprise of the American commissioners, declined to  
budge from his previous propositions to separate protocol matters  
from subsidiary ones. The Americans are at a loss to understand  
the meaning of this maneuver, as the Spaniards have nothing further  
to gain from delay. The Spaniards are clearly much disappointed  
because the Presidential message gives them no grievance.

## GERMANY'S EMPEROR.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The Reichstag was opened today by the  
Emperor, who after announcing the introduction of a series of  
social and labor bills and the completion of the organization of the  
army, said Germany's relations with all foreign powers continued  
friendly, that the principal object his holy land trip was to contribute  
to the maintenance of peace. Therefore he hailed with warm ap-  
proval the Czar's proposal for the furtherance of that object. Allud-  
ing to the war between Spain and the United States, he said Ger-  
man neutrality had been conscientiously observed towards both.

He pointed out the measures taken for the economic developmen-  
of Kia Chou, declaring that while respecting the well-acquired  
rights of third parties, Germany would direct her efforts to further  
the promotion of economic relations with China.

## CABLE TOLL INTEREST, PERHAPS.

MADRID, Dec. 6.—The Correspondencia semi-officially says  
that the American commissioners insist upon the discussion of mat-  
ters not connected with the treaty of peace, namely: Extraditions,  
commercial conventions, etc. The Spanish government, it adds, is  
unable to yield, and determine that such matters shall be discussed  
between the cabinets at Madrid and Washington.



## HOT TIME AT PARIS.

### Nearly a Break Away in the Peace Negotiations.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The joint commission met at 2 p. m., and is still in session. It has developed that yesterday's session was far more important than generally supposed.

The Americans, uncomprisingly, rejected Spain's request for the same commercial privileges in Cuban and Porto Rico ports as the United States for a term of years. The Spaniards for some days have been playing for delay. The Americans are anxious for a decision on a coaling station and question of religious tolerance in the Carolines, and the release of political prisoners. The Spaniards were unwilling to answer till they heard what the Americans proposed to do for them in any trade advantages in the ex-Spanish West Indies.

This is why Spain contended that the articles of treaty be disposed of in order, while the Americans wanted first to settle pressing needs. The session yesterday was practically a fight on the order of procedure. Finally the Americans yielded. Then the Spaniards proposed their shipping and commercial questions which the Americans rejected entirely.

The session adjourned with neither side in an especially amiable frame of mind.

There are differences of opinion among the Americans on the shipping question. Telegrams were exchanged with Washington. Finally the American commissioners, as instructed, refused, the principal reason being that Porto Rico is about to be declared within the coast line of the United States, while as regard to Cuba the authorities at Washington make no promises, as American occupation there is not fixed and the authority of the Cuban Government to make its own treaties must not be interfered with. The Spaniards wanted exactly the same privileges in Cuba and Porto Rico for ten years as has been conceded Spain in the Philippines.

## LATEST.

This evening Judge Day stated that all requests had been settled and that the treaty will be signed in three or four days.

## NEWS FROM HONOLULU.

HONOLULU, Nov. 29, Via San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Five companies of the First New York (497 men), sailed today for San Francisco. The remainder of the regiment sail next week. The departing soldiers were given a rousing send-off by the people of Honolulu.

The Thanksgiving dinner given by the ladies of Honolulu to the soldiers in the city went off in a way most gratifying to the boys.

The transport St. Paul, which arrived from San Francisco on Nov. 26th, leaves for Manila tomorrow.

A report has been received that the ship W. H. Starbuck was burned at sea, Capt. McDonald's boat, with his wife, the first mate and nine of the crew, and three babies, landed at Pookena. The other boats, with the rest of the crew, separated from the captain's boat in a storm, and have not since been heard from.

## DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The afternoon papers express satisfaction at President McKinley's message, with the exception of the allusion to the Nicaragua Canal, which, to the minds of the editors, does not show sufficient appreciation of British treaty rights.

## GERMANY NOT IN IT.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The Deutschwaite learns on high authority that Germany will not acquire any of the Caroline Islands.

### ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

Two Officers of the U. S. Fire Insurance Co. Killed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The elevator of the United States Fire Insurance company building, containing five directors of that company, came to a sudden stop this afternoon. The supporting beams and the wheel fell from the top of the shaft and crashed through the top of the cage, killing W. Griffin and fatally wounding T. S. Caldwell, besides hurting other members of the party.

#### Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stein of Emory on Monday, November 5, a daughter.

To Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Yang of North Church street on Tuesday, November 6, a son.

The members of the Silver Star club will be entertained by Mrs. Skidmore at the home of the Misses Suttman at West Eldorado street this evening.

Rev. Bedford Jones of Elkhart, Ill., will conduct services at St. John's church tomorrow evening.

J. H. Rowland leaves tonight with a party of land seekers for the west. Mr. Rowland has been made the district agent for land along all lines of the Wabash in Illinois with the exception of the Springfield branch. He has also taken the agency for the Port Arthur route. This comprises lands from Kansas City to Port Arthur, Texas. He will conduct excursion parties to the south and along this line throughout the winter.

The Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Aid society will give a dance on Thursday evening, December 8, at the S. of V. hall, corner of Water and Wood streets. Admission 50 cents.

Croup instantly relieved. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Perfectly safe. Never fails. At any drug store.

## ATHLETIC GAMES

Bowling Alleys are Becoming Popular.

### THE BASKET BALL GAME

Was Played Monday Afternoon by the Young Ladies—Challenge from Springfield—Foot Ball Game.

The leading fad in Decatur now is bowling. Since the new alleys have been opened a great deal of interest has been taken in the game and a number of clubs have been formed, and several very good bowlers have been developed.

At Duke's alley on North Water street Friday afternoon has been reserved for the ladies and at that time only ladies are allowed to bowl. Dan Oram, one of the managers of the alley, will go to Springfield tomorrow or the next day to arrange for a match game to be played at Decatur between a team from Springfield and a picked team from among those who play at the alley. The highest score at the Duke alley is now held by Bob Vail, who made 205. Frank Powers last night made a score of 200.

#### AT FLOYD'S.

At Floyd's alley on North Main street this afternoon a club of young ladies bowled. Among the party were Mrs. Charles Hubbard, Misses Ghor, Miss Grace Hubbard, Miss Mund Martin, Mrs. Martin, Miss King, Miss Lyons and others. This evening the young ladies of the Jolly Dozen club will play.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the All Star Bowling club from the Duke's alley and the postoffice club will play a match game. They started last Friday evening but the game was turned off on account of the fire and the game will be started now.

Mr. Floyd has offered a prize of \$5 in gold for the gentleman making the best score for the month and \$2.50 for the lady making the best score.

#### BASKET BALL.

The young ladies of the basket ball club played a practice game Monday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. There were divided into two teams and team A won, the score being 10 to 8. Those who played on the two teams were as follows:

Team A—Forwards, Topsy Kelly and Maude Dillehunt; guards, Clara Allison and Bessie Wilson; center, Bertha Allison.

Team B—Forwards, Lillian Post and Lillian King; guards, Mabel Knight and Dot Dillehunt; center, Celia Post.

The young ladies have received a challenge from the Springfield basket team but as yet they have not decided whether or not they will accept the invitation to play.

#### FOOT BALL.

The members of the High school ball team will play at Forsyth next Saturday with the team of that place. The season for foot ball is over but the Forsyth boys were anxious to play so the High school club decided to accommodate them.

Hal Hotelling, the new physical director of the Y. M. C. A. is expected in the city on December 10, at which time he will take charge of the work. Athletic work will then be taken up in the association.

#### List of Unclaimed Letters

Remain in the postoffice at Decatur for the week ending Dec. 6, 1892. If called for please say "advertised."

#### GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Allan, William Kery, John A. Bain, Major Surgeon, London, Y. A. Battlorf, John W. LaPoint, Paul Beck, W. C. Lynch, Bert Benton, Frank McCaslin, A. J. McCoy, Mr. McMahon, T. J. Nelson, Geo. W. Collins, F. M. Ogles, Louis I. David, James Poppendick, Wm. Dickinson, S. H. Simpson, W. T. Dunkins, George Sellors, T. F. Griffiths, George S. Suedekor, Albert Hickman, J. A. Stickle, Bert Hann, J. Jr., Straw, William Hunter, E. R. Vaughn, Virgil Hunter, E. C. Vaughan, W. F. Inman, D. A. Wilken, Kerns, Walter E. Williams, Henry

#### LADIES' LIST.

Achors, Margaret King, Mrs. M. Lile Ahrens, Mrs. H. Luffy, Lizzie Austin, Jennie Liddy, Marie Black, Kate Lyons, Annie Mry Bradshaw, Lottie McElroy, Pearl Brown, Ivy McGuire, Roy Baskaylen, Mrs. A. A. Miller, Rosa Cawley, Ella Richardson, Gert Caldwell, Mrs. John Schneider, Anna Faith, Mrs. J. B. Sciffocheal Lena Guar, Mrs. M. L. Smith, Mrs. W. A. Jenkins, Mrs. Jas. A. Tucker, Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, Valeroa Walker, Ella

#### FOREIGN.

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#### Dancing Class.

Mrs. Charles Cassell went to Belmont today to organize a dancing class. She will go each week to give instructions.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing, is requested to call on H. W. Bell, N. L. Krens or W. H. Hubbard and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

## SPECIAL SALE OF

## Holiday Handkerchiefs

At BRADLEY BROS.

This Great Handkerchief Selling Commences Monday, December 5th. Few things are more acceptable for Christmas Gifts than handkerchiefs. We have them in every sort, form, texture, quality and price. They are for men, women and children.

### To Start Things Moving

And get you interested we have made prices that can not be duplicated later. We begin with Children's Handkerchiefs at one cent each, and ascend by easy steps to Fine Real Lace and Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs costing Ten Dollars each.

#### At 1c Each.

Children's Fancy Printed Handkerchiefs in Red Riding Hood and Mother Goose series.

#### At 2 1/2c Each.

Ladies' Plain India Linen Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Printed Handkerchiefs. Children's Plain India Linen Handkerchiefs. Children's Printed Handkerchiefs. These are the regular 5c kind.

#### At 5c Each.

Ladies' Hemstitched Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs. Ladies' St. Gall Embroidered and Scallop Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Plain India Linen Handkerchiefs. Edged with Valenciennes Lace. Ladies' Colored Japonet Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Pointed H. S. Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Mourning H. S. Handkerchiefs.

#### At 10c Each.

Ladies' Plain H. S. Irish Linen Handkerchiefs. Ladies' India Linen Handkerchiefs, trimmed with Valenciennes Lace Inserting and Lace Edge. Ladies' Plain H. S. and Initial Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Belfast Embroidered and H. S. Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Embroidered and Scallop Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hand hemstitched.

*Bradley Bros*  
DRY GOODS & MILLINERY  
*Decatur Ill.*

## MRS. TOWLING

Passed Away This Morning at Her Home.

LIVED IN DECATUR SINCE 1861

She was the Widow of the Late Wm. Towling and is Survived by Eight Children—Funeral Announcement Later.

Mrs. Kate Towling, widow the late William Towling, died at 11:30 a. m. today at the family residence, No. 255 East Division street, aged 65 years and 10 months. Death was caused by cancer of the stomach and was not unexpected as Mrs. Towling has been in failing health for the past year. She has been confined to her bed for five weeks past.

The deceased was born in Hamilton, Canada, February 2, 1833. She was married to William Towling at Chicago in 1854 and in the year 1861 moved to Decatur, where she has since made her home. Mr. Towling was a bookbinder and well known in the city. He died a number of years ago. Mrs. Towling is survived by eight children as follows: Mrs. Clara Mearns of St. Louis, U. S. Towling of Kansas City, Mrs. Corn Keenan of Murphysboro, Mrs. Minnie Lord of Decatur, and Walter, Louis C. and Gay Towling of Decatur.

Mrs. Towling was a devoted and loving mother and her entire life was given up in endeavoring to make happy the life of her children. She was formerly a member of the Presbyterian church and although she has for some time past been an invalid and confined to her home she was a devout Christian.

The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon and will be announced later.

#### A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can get it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the liver and kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its normal vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c. a bottle at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Store.

The semi-centennial of the entrance of Methodists into Europe will be celebrated next year.

## DAMAGE SUIT

Against Wabash Railroad in Court.

THREE DIVORCE CASES

Filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk—Cruelty and Desertion are the Charges.

The case of Faith vs. Winslow, which has been on trial in the circuit court, went to the jury this afternoon. At 3 o'clock a verdict had not been reached.

The case of W. Larrick, administrator, vs. the Wabash railroad was next taken up, and this afternoon the attorneys were endeavoring to secure a jury. Mr. Larrick is the administrator of the estate of the late Henry Lunsley, who was killed with his nephew, Roy Lunsley, by being struck by a Wabash train, and is bringing suit to recover damages. Rodmon and Hogan are attorneys for the plaintiff and Attorney Winslow of the Wabash and Attorneys Hugh Ora and I. A. Buckingham appear for the defense.

#### DIVORCES.

In the office of the circuit clerk today, Mrs. Edward Fowler, through her attorney E. S. Parks, filed a bill asking for a divorce from her husband, Edward Fowler. The couple were married February 3, 1892, and lived together until September 1, 1892, at which time, it is alleged, the husband deserted her.

The divorce suit of Mary E. Bryant vs. John G. Bryant, has been filed by Attorneys Rodmon and Hogan. The couple were married February 5, 1890, at San Luis, Col. Repeated and extreme cruelty are charged.

James H. Legans has asked for a divorce from his wife, Mary Legans, desertion being alleged as the grounds. Rodmon and Hogan are the attorneys.

#### Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of the great medicine, and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are cured by it. Call on J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, druggists, and get a trial bottle for 10c. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded.

By daring great fears are concealed. —Lucan.

#### WIT AND WISDOM.

The first duty of a newspaper is to print the news; the second, to deny it. —Life.

The fact that we can't take our money with us when we die is a great consolation to the legal profession. —Pack.

Those who aim to please often succeed no better than those who shut their eyes and shoot. —Detroit Journal. Jack—"Miss Ramsey is getting gray." Dick—"Now she will be blue." Jack—"Oh, no; now she will be blond." —Town Topics.

"Give me the streets of the cities," said the corporation president, "and I care not who takes the islands." —Cincinnati Enquirer.

A bird that can sing and won't sing, is a whole lot kinder than the young woman next door who can't sing, but will sing. —L. A. W. Bulletin.

First Politician—"The early boom is builded on the sand." Second Politician—"Yes, and the boom that was builded on rocks." —Indianapolis Journal.

An Awkward Position.—"Hunger's fell off a street car yesterday." "Of course he'll sue the road?" "He can't very well." "Why not?" "He's counting the daughter of the president." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No Question About It.—"Ancient mythology teaches us that Ceres was the goddess of husbandry," remarked Mrs. Emerson, of Boston. "Yes," replied Mrs. Olive, of St. Louis, "and experience is the god of the same industry." —Chicago Daily News.

#### For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for four months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krens, W. H. Hubbard.

Chicago will entertain the Methodist general conference of 1900.

#### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, strong vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life. Sold by all druggists.

Since 1895 the Protestant Episcopal church in this country has added 25,000 members to its churches.

During the last 10 years the circulation of religious papers in this country has risen from 900,000 to over 1,500,000 per issue.

#### No Humbug.

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma, but it does claim to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of these diseases and to usually cure them. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted or threatened with these diseases. A. W. Bell, N. L. Krens, W. H. Hubbard.

The comfort derived from the misery of others is slight. —Cicero.

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At the above price we show a grand assortment of Hand Embroidered All Linen, Embroidered and Edged with Valenciennes Lace, Fine Linen with Mexican Drawn Work, Fine Linen Cambric Embroidered and edged with Footing. This line is many Handkerchiefs regularly sold at 35c, 40c and 50c.

## Gents' Handkerchiefs.

The following are only a few of the many Great Bargains in. Gents' Plain India Linen Handkerchiefs at 5c. Gents' Colored Border Handkerchiefs, perfectly fast colors, 5c. Gents' Pure Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at 10c. Gents' Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs at 10c. Gents' Japonet Handkerchiefs in new designs at 12 1/2c. Gents' Fine Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 15c. Gents' Fine Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and hand embroidered Initial at 25c. Gents' Fine Linen Cambric hemstitched Handkerchiefs in 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3 inch hem, 25c. Gents' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered Initial, at 25c. Gents' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, extra heavy, with hand embroidered Initial 48c—former price \$1.00.

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The partnership of Samuel McCann

and Charles Nimms, coal dealers, has

been dissolved. Mr. Nimms will con-

tinue the business.

Going Home to Spend Christmas.

Chap rates via the P. D. and E.

Ry. during the holidays. Confer freely

with ticket agent as to particulars, or

correspond with A. G. Palmer, G. P.

A. P. D. and E. Ry., Evansville, Ind.

—2-28d

Warrensburg Wedding.

Invitations to the wedding of Miss

Lulu Batschelder and Oliver Batschelder

of Warrensburg have been sent out.

The ceremony will be performed at

the home of the bride, four miles west

of Warrensburg on Wednesday, Decem-

ber 14, at 6 p. m. The young people

although bearing the same name are

not related.

Money Saving

Prices

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# CITY AFFAIRS

Regular Meeting of the  
Mayor and Aldermen.

More Cash Needed to Meet Current

Expenses—Flatter Referred for

Solution—Business of the

Session Boiled Down.

Temporary financial embarrassment

was the most important topic of dis-

cussion on the part of the aldermen at

the semi-monthly meeting of the city

council Monday evening. The city

seems to be a little hard up. There

is probably enough money to pull

through the year until the next approp-

riations are made, but at present the

city is shy about \$2500 or \$3000 to pay

bills which were presented and allowed

last night. The question of raising

the necessary coin is now under con-

sideration by the mayor, comptroller

and finance committee.

\$600 DAMAGES.

The first matter which brought out

the question of a lack of funds was a

bill from Attorney Hugh Crea for

\$600 which he paid as attorney for

the city to Mrs. Meeky M. Honness

in settlement of a damage suit she

brought against the city for injuries

she sustained on account of a defective

sidewalk. The bill was accom-

panied by a receipt signed by Mrs.

Honness and in which she relinquished

any further claim against the cor-

poration.

The aldermen wanted to know more

about the matter and City Attorney

Lee was called in to explain. He said

he and Mr. Crea thought it was a

cheap settlement, so the case was

compromised after it had been started

in the circuit court. Alderman Shil-

ling said he was certain the case could

have been settled at one time for \$200

and Dwyer wanted to know why these

settlements were not first brought be-

fore the council to consider. Attorney

Lee said that sometimes a settlement

must be made at once and it was not

practical to bring it before the alder-

men.

It was decided, however, that the

money must be paid Mr. Crea. Com-

ptroller Robbins wanted to know where

it was to come from and it was deter-

mined to draw it from the contingent

fund, although it had been planned to

use that money for other purposes. A

motion to pay the bill from the con-

tingent fund carried, all voting in

favor of it excepting Alderman Am-

mann. This will leave something in

the neighborhood of \$300 in the fund.

SHORT OF MONEY.

When the clerk read the bills Com-

ptroller Robbins stated that there was

about \$6000 worth of bills in the bunch

and only about \$4000 in bank with

which to pay them. There would be

a deficiency of from \$2500 to \$3000

and some provision for this must be

made at the bank. In discussing the

matter it was learned that it would

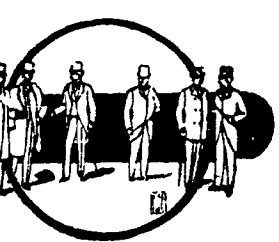
be unlawful to either issue vouchers

or borrow money and Mayor Taylor









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## COUNTY NEWS

**MAROA.**  
Gray of Lyons, Kansas, of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance.  
H. Blair and daughter left for their home at Lyons, for a visit with Mrs. Blair's B. Smith and wife.  
Strawn returned Friday with relatives at Forrest.

Harndt, who recently dis- hotel business to J. H. Polo, Ill., left Wednesday with her daughter at place of C. C. Backus as central agent during Mr. Agency, returned home Saturday.

W. R. Abbott have returned from Lafayette, where they spent Sunday with Mrs. Abbott's brother, Ford Greer.

Miss Katherine Pogram has returned to her home at Lincoln after a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. T. Summers.

Miss Anne Walston will leave in a few days for a visit with her brother, Dr. E. B. Walston, at Des Moines, Iowa.

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—Superintendent E. A. Gustman went to Hudson, Ill., today.

—Mrs. J. M. Race has returned from Chicago.

—J. B. Ballard is in Chicago on business.

—H. I. Baldwin is in Chicago on business.

—Attorney Frank Ewing was in Taylorville on business today.

—The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rambo, who has been seriously ill of diphtheria, is improving.

—Miss Lillian Dow, who has been visiting at Weldon for two weeks, returned home today.

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**The Dowager Empress of Germany.**  
The empress of Germany loses no opportunity of "doing little kindnesses" wherever she goes. A very pretty story is told of her recent visit to Westphalia during the maneuvers. In a village close to the imperial headquarters the widow of a captain in the merchant service occupies a small room. She is invalided, bedridden and very old, but her one great wish was to see the empress drive past the carpenter's cottage where she lies on her little bed. Some kind soul had suggested to the empress's chamberlain that it would be a great kindness if the imperial carriage would be allowed to drive slowly when passing the invalid's window. The request came to the empress's ears, and in her kindness of heart she left her carriage, paid a long visit to the sick-room, and left the lonely sufferer in a state of happiness greater than words can tell.—Westminster Gazette.

**A New Order to Halt.**  
Among the exhibitors in the civic day parade was a certain large bakery firm. A number of the employees, wearing the white aprons of the craft, and carrying in lieu of muskets, long loaves of bread, formed one of the striking features of the display. The men were divided into companies, officered by those of their number who had been judged most competent to lead and give the few necessary marching orders. One of these captains, who was evidently the driver of one of the delivery wagons, had occasion to bring his men to a halt directly in front of the reviewing stand. He gave the command to halt in a very unique way. Drawing his long loaf close to his chest with both hands, he bowed his feet well out in front of him and loudly shouted "Whoa! Whoa!"—Philadelphia Record.

**The Peddlers of Wurttemberg.**  
Among the 2,100 persons having their homes in the town of Gonnigheim, in Wurttemberg, no fewer than 800 are engaged in peddling seeds throughout the country, while Enningen has 120 who peddle articles of clothing. About half a century ago, before factories began to monopolize things, the peddlers of Enningen disposed every year of \$2,500, 000 worth of goods, two-thirds of them outside of Wurttemberg, and as most of the goods were made in that state, these peddlers played an important industrial role.—Albany Argus.

## A PERFECT BAKING POWDER.

The constantly increasing demand for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, the standard cream of tartar powder for forty years, is due to two causes.

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Nothing is left to chance in the manufacture of

## Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

It is pronounced by all authorities as free from alum or other adulterant. It never disappoints. Each can is like the other. The BEST is ALWAYS the CHEAPEST.

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## MARKETS.

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CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 6.					
Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close	Wheat
Dec.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Dec.
Nov.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Nov.
May	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	May
July	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	July
Sept.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Sept.
Oct.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Oct.
Nov.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Nov.
Dec.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Dec.
Jan.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Jan.
Feb.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Feb.
Mar.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Mar.
Apr.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Apr.
May	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	May
June	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	June
July	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	July
Aug.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Aug.
Sept.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Sept.
Oct.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2	Oct.

Wheat receipts, 45,000; estimated, 31,000.  
 Corn, steady.  
 Corn, #1 52 1/4; #2 51 1/4; #3 50 1/4; #4 49 1/4; #5 48 1/4; #6 47 1/4; #7 46 1/4; #8 45 1/4; #9 44 1/4; #10 43 1/4; #11 42 1/4; #12 41 1/4.  
 Oats.  
 Oats receipts, 3,500; market steady.













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I have just received for the Winter and Holiday Trade a New and Up-to-date line of BRUSHES, COMBS, MIRRORS and SMALLER TOILET ARTICLES, in Sterling Silver, Ebony and other finishes.

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From 50c to \$5.00.

We have some in very fancy finish for Holiday gifts, and will be pleased to show them.

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Lincoln Square.

### LOCAL NEWS.

**Davis' 1st delivery.** Cab, 25c. Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf

The new cereal mill of Saffern, Hunt & Co. will be started in full operation tomorrow. The machinery is now placed and all preparations for running the mill completed. The capacity is from 3000 to 3500 bushels of corn per day.

The regular monthly meeting of Danham Post, No. 141, G. A. R., will be held this evening at which time the officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1462, old phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dtf

The ladies of the United Brethren church will serve a church dinner soon.

Itching piles? Never mind if physicians have failed to cure you. Try Doan's Ointment. No failure there. 50 cents, at any drug store.

Tuesday, December 13, is the date for the rehearsal which will be given by Mrs. Logan at the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, living two miles southwest of the city on Saturday evening entertained a party of friends from town in a most delightful manner.

Every family should have its household medicine chest—and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's remedy for coughs and colds. Sold by all druggists.

### Teams Wanted.

At once at Fletcher's bank, southwest of the city, to haul gravel. F. J. McDonald.

### Five Per Cent Money.

We have on hand a special fund to loan on first class real estate security at 5 per cent interest. Call at once. Peddecord, Burrows & Co.—31-dtf

### A Chance to Visit Your Friends.

Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-28d

### List of Patents

Granted to Illinois inventors this week Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.

J. W. Brown, Quincy, cultivator; E. F. Hershaw, Abingdon, motion converting device for windmills; H. S. Parker, Fulton, barrel truck; J. A. Pyron, Chester, printing and folding machine; E. H. Reynolds, storing car loader; C. Ritter, Pinckneyville, ironing board; H. J. Springer, Edwardsville, cuspidor; G. W. Warner, Freeport, door check; H. G. Warren, Earlville, hand drill. For copy of any of the above patents, send 10c in postage with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

## GRIPPE

Grippe and influenza invariably leave the system with a bad cough. For such Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup is highly recommended. This wonderful remedy gives relief at once, conquers the worst cough overnight and soon effects a thorough cure.

**Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP**  
Cures Grippe and Influenza.  
Doses are small and pleasant to take. Doctors recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.



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chief of the western division of the great railroad system, was a man whose instincts were as noble as his purpose was strong and masterful. He left behind him a reputation that can never perish while California endures. Energy and singleness of purpose ever meets its just reward. Thus C. L. Griswold & Co. are triumphing in their line of Buck's Steel Ranges and Air-Blas' Triumph Furnaces.

**Luncheon.**  
Miss Elizabeth Voorhies gave a luncheon at 1 o'clock today for Miss Carolyn Griswold. Ten young ladies were present, including Miss Sue Anderson of Kentucky, Miss Griswold's guest.

### For Anna B. Millikin Home.

At the meeting of the W. O. T. U. on Thursday afternoon donations will be received for the Anna B. Millikin home. The articles asked for are fruit and vegetables. They are to be brought to the W. O. T. U. rooms from which place they will be taken to the home. The subject for the meeting will be "The Child Problem," led by Mrs. Leslie Cloud.

### Paid Up.

The manager of the Brunswick hotel has received from A. Delano the amount of his board bill, which he let unpaid last spring. Delano and his daughter stopped at the hotel and the former skipped out of the city without paying his bill. The daughter was arrested and for a time was in custody at the jail. Some property was left in charge of the hotel people and the girl released. When the money was received the property was shipped back to Mr. Delano.

### Social and Reception.

The members of Decatur Lodge, No. 364, I. O. G. T., will hold a social and reception in their lodge rooms in the old Library block on North Main street on Friday evening, December 9. A literary and musical program will be given and light refreshments will be served. Invitations have been extended to all the former members and each of the present members are urged to bring at least one former member with them. The Arion quartet will sing.

## CLOSE THIS EVENING.

Forty Hours' Devotion Services Were Well Attended.

The Forty Hours' Devotion services which have been in progress at St. Patrick's Catholic church since Sunday morning will close this evening. There was low mass at 6 o'clock this morning and at 8 o'clock Father O'Rourke of Dalton City celebrated solemn high mass. An excellent sermon was delivered by Father Costello. This evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be rosary and a sermon by Father Lee of Paris, Ill., on the subject "The Delay of Repentance." There will also be a procession of the school children. The services have been largely attended and were of great interest to the church members.

## MEETING OF COMPANY H.

Will be Held Next Friday at the Guards' Armory—Discharges.

The members of Company H have received notice to be present at a business meeting which will be held at the armory on Friday evening at which time the company will be reorganized. Captain Cassell has sent in his requisition for the guns and uniforms and they will be received in a few days. Since the boys returned home from the war and were mustered out of the volunteer service they have not drilled any as militia. Some of the members who enlisted only for the period of the war will ask for honorable discharges, and those who were formerly in the company and did not pass the physical examination for entering the volunteer service will also be given honorable discharges. There are now 106 men in the company, but when those who desire it are discharged the company will be reorganized with about 65 members. The officers will retain their old positions excepting those who were elected or appointed during the war. Captain Cassell expects to begin recruiting his company until he has 100 men. He thinks he can secure the necessary number before May 1.

## HOSKINS & ADAMS, DENTISTS

A New Firm in an Old-Established Office—Rooms at Springfield.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, one of Decatur's well known and successful dentists, whose office patronage has been steadily increasing, has felt the need of an assistant for some time, and has just admitted to partnership in the business Dr. Walter B. Adams, a graduate of the Northwestern University Dental School, who is a thoroughly experienced dentist, well posted as to everything modern in the practice of his profession. The style of the firm will be Hoskins & Adams, with the main parlors at the old familiar location in the Grand opera house block on South Water street. Dr. Adams is a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Adams, one of the well known families of the city. Dr. Hoskins has been in the business so long in Decatur that he has become one of the veterans in the dental profession, surviving many firms that have come and gone to points unknown.

Dr. Hoskins and Adams believe in expansion and have already completed arrangements for the opening of handsomely furnished dental parlors in the Franklin building in Springfield. Dr. Hoskins will spend three days of each week in Decatur, where he will be pleased to continue serving his old patrons. He will alternate both here and in Springfield with Dr. Adams.

The deaconess movement, established among Episcopalians, Lutherans and Methodists, will now be adopted by the Baptists.

# AFTERNOON AT THE CLUB

## Ladies Hear the Report of Mrs. McConnell on State Charities at Kankakee.

The regular business of the monthly meeting of the Woman's club on Monday afternoon was put aside as far as possible for the report given by Mrs. Florence McConnell of the meeting of the State Conference of Charities at Kankakee on November 16 and 17. Mrs. McConnell's report was heard with the greatest interest and a vote of thanks was extended her by the club for her excellent work as a delegate.

The meeting at Kankakee was the third meeting of the conference. It was decided by the club to extend an invitation to the conference to meet in Decatur next year. The delegates pay all their expenses and the city is not required to extend favors unless so disposed.

### THE REPORT.

The organization known as the Illinois Conference of Charities held its first meeting in Springfield in 1896. It was decided that the meeting of the organization should be permanent for the purpose of discussing the best methods for preventing the growth of crime and pauperism. Special attention is given to the needs of the children and to the condition of the state institutions for the care of the unfortunate, and they are endeavoring to awaken sufficient interest among the people of the state to cause them to urge that appropriations be made by the legislature for farms and colonies where feeble minded and epileptic children, the deaf, blind and otherwise unfortunate may be placed for a time under competent teachers to be taught some means of earning a livelihood and to find homes for them if possible where they will continue to be self-supporting citizens. Also that there should be legislation on the subject of marriage of weak minded and epileptic people and as to normal and moral fitness to support a family.

One great problem is not merely to take care of the dependent but to keep them from being born.

Dr. Jones in his address strongly recommended the kindergarten and advocated it as a means of keeping the children employed. He said: "The greatest danger which besets the children of the state is idleness. Satan is a friend and benefactor because he finds work for the idle hands. The leisure of the children should be directed in the right current. The children must be kept busy. We must have manual training in the schools and the basements and attics of the school buildings should be arranged so the children may have access to them all the year and physical culture and manual training should be taught by competent teachers. Your women's clubs are urging that the sweatshop system be abolished. I believe that it is preferable to the idleness of the street."

### REFORM SCHOOLS.

"We should do away with the institutions which brand the child as from the reform school and from the orphan's home, keeping the dead bodies of the parents dangling forever before their helpless eyes."

The farms and colonies or a home with farmers with the state paying the expenses of the keeping of the child was strongly endorsed.

### FEIBLE MINDED.

The sending of feeble minded children to the public schools was deplored. They keep other children back and the lessons are not suited to them. They may have one talent. This should be looked for and cultivated. Dr. Rogers, superintendent of the Minnesota state school for feeble minded children, claims that a feeble minded child can be taught one means of earning a living. Especially was a plea made for feeble minded girls and it was stated that they were unconsciously the source of almost one-half of our criminal and pauper element.

A feeble minded girl of New York, who became the mother of three children, started a family of criminals and paupers who cost the state four and one-half million dollars last year. That money would have supported a village for feeble minded girls, where they would have been shielded and taught.

The need of an epileptic colony was urged. By being constantly engaged at work which is congenial their condition improves and some have recovered.

The wrong of placing children in jail for petty offenses was discussed. It was recommended that a place be provided for these petty offenders where they might be taken unobtrusively by an officer without uniform, where their surrounding may be inquired into and their condition bettered without the disgrace of being put in jail. It was lastly urged that homes for the helpless and dependent children be provided as far as possible, and failing in this a farm or village where they may have teachers not selected by political parties, but by educators, where they may be given a home life.

Wardens of prisons have said that many criminals had traced their downfall to the shame which came from being arrested and put in jail for a petty offense when a child.

To rid the prisons of criminals, the

asylums of occupants, we must begin with the children and be responsible for them. There are now 1500 people on the waiting list at Lincoln, 100 men in 300 cells at Joliet and 2300 patients. There are 2300 in Kankakee asylum.

Following the business meeting the Chautauqua division presented a program which consisted of a talk by Rev. S. H. Bowyer on "The One-hundred Years War," and two selections by George Dunston. The Chautauqua class is studying English history and the address by Rev. Bowyer was fittingly chosen.

Following the program refreshments were served in the dining room by Mrs. R. O. Rooss, Mrs. Ed Hill, Mrs. J. T. Ward, Mrs. Charles Hamlin, Mrs. O. J. Danzeisen and Miss L. J. Dimock. The dining table was decorated in the Chautauqua colors, white and yellow.

## AMUSEMENTS.

### TONIGHT.

NEW YORK JOURNALS ORIGINAL PRODUCTION  
McFADDEN'S  
THE IDOL'S EYE



ALEX. GEORGE'S DREAM

The McFadden company has arrived and will be at the Grand tonight, to produce the play with all special scenery.

### FRANK DANIELS.

Frank Daniels will be at the Grand tomorrow night. He comes with his new opera, "The Idol's Eye," written and composed by Harry B. Smith and Victor Herbert, the librettist and composer of "The Wizard of the Nile." "The Idol's Eye" is pronounced a most worthy successor to the "Wizard." Its music is said to be rich in melody and fine orchestral and choral effects. The locale is India and Herbert is described as having taken advantage of that fact to invest it with oriental color. The songs of the opera have already taken a strong hold on the public in those cities in which it has been produced, and several of them are whistled on the streets.

### COMEDY.

Blaney's "A Boy Wanted" will furnish fun for patrons of the Grand Thursday night. Incidentally 12 high class vaudeville acts are given. There are 25 people in the cast, special scenery and many new musical numbers.

### Sweet Oranges.

A telegram states that the first oranges to be shipped from California this season will leave this week. Orders for four carloads from different eastern points having been received. The fruit is not yet ripe, but is coloring fast, and in another month will be in good condition. Some of the oranges to be shipped will be colored by the steam curing process, which will give them a ripe appearance but will not sweeten them. They will be useful chiefly for decorative purposes.

In this connection it is of interest to state that the firm of J. Y. Chisholm & Co. now has on sale a carload of sweet oranges, just received from Mexico. The oranges are among the finest to be had in any market.

### Holiday Rates Via I. C. & R.

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Illinois Central will sell tickets within a distance of 200 miles at rate of one and one-third for round trip. Good going December 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1898, and January 1 and 2, 1899. Good returning until and including January 4, 1899. For tickets call at city office or depot.—4-dtf

The churches of the United States have taken 1600 Chinamen in membership.

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# AMERICAN CONGRESS

Nominations Sent to the Senate by President.

FIRST DEBATE ON EXPANSION

Senator Hoar Takes a Stand Against Territorial Acquisition—Suggestions from Griggs and Chamberlain on Public Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The president today sent these nominations to the Senate: Brigadier Generals George V. Henry and Leonard Wood to be major generals. Also officers of the army advanced during the war for conspicuous conduct during battle, including Admirals Sampson and Schley, as heretofore published.

The Senate went into executive session and had a debate on the subject of expansion. Senator Hoar was the principal speaker and took ground against territorial acquisition.

At the opening Senator Hawley of Connecticut, chairman of the military affairs committee, introduced a bill for the reorganization of the regular army.

A committee was appointed to consider and report on the president's message relative to the celebration of the centennial of the city of Washington.

The Senate had a long debate in executive session on the subject of confirmation of the report of the Hawaiian commissioners. Senator Hoar made a vigorous protest against the practice of appointing senators of such commissions. He said senators so appointed became agents of the president to carry out his wishes and asked what became of their function as senators when reports which they made came up for action in the Senate. He referred to the Paris peace commissioners and the Anglo-American commissioners as examples. The practice was defended by Senator Morgan and others and the debate became general.

### CONFIRMATION.

The Senate in executive session confirmed the appointment of John H. as secretary of state.

### HOURLY.

Congressman Hophorn of Iowa called up the anti-sulphur bill. After an attempt to agree on time for debate by friends and opponents had failed, Hophorn was recognized for an hour's speech, but yielded to Congressman Sherman of New York, who explained that the bill was very similar to one passed by the House during the last congress. Changes were made in restrictions on corporations.

### Suggestions by Griggs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Attorney General Griggs in his annual report submitted to Congress today, suggested that that body correct the defects and inequalities found to exist in the operation of the war revenue act; tell of the condemnation and sale of Spanish vessels taken during the war; call attention to the necessity of providing for a more complete and adequate form of government for Alaska, necessitated by the recent large increase in population.

### Merchant Marine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The annual report of Navigation Commissioner Chamberlain is devoted mainly to facts in support of the project for the creation of the American merchant marine recommended by Secretary Gage. It shows the tonnage entered and cleared from our seaports in foreign trade during 1897 at about 7,250,000 tons American, against 32,500,000 tons foreign; that the navigation to ports over 1500 miles away, the American shipping carried only a little over 2,000,000 tons, while foreign shipping carried nearly 27,500,000 tons. Mr. Chamberlain upheld that this state of affairs must continue, or we must permit foreign built vessels to register under the American flag, or the government